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I send greetings to those gathered for the Super ESPC Project Facilitation and Quality Assurance and Improvements Conference.

Keeping America competitive requires renewable and affordable energy, and our Federal agencies must lead the way for energy conservation and research. Last August, I was pleased to sign the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the first national energy plan in more than a decade. This law encourages conservation and efficiency, helps increase our domestic energy production, promotes alternative and renewable resources, and enables the modernization of our electricity grid. To ensure the Federal Government sets a positive example, the Energy Policy Act established aggressive Federal energy savings goals and reauthorized the Energy Savings Performance Contract program. These contracts provide agencies with important opportunities to improve energy efficiency at the thousands of Federal buildings across our country. I encourage government officials to utilize ESPCs and Super ESPCs to meet their energy use reduction goals. These efforts will help conserve energy and create a better America for our children and grandchildren.

The American people are counting on the Federal Government to advance the growth and prosperity of our great country and at the same time be good stewards of our environment and the taxpayers' money. I appreciate the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Management Program, and all those who are committed to energy conservation and efficiency in government. Your efforts strengthen our country and ensure that America will continue to lead the world in innovation for decades to come.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

